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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Non-Final Office Action, dated September 13, 2004, in the above-referenced application. The Applicant requests the entry of the following amendments to the specification and the claims and consideration of the currently pending claims in light of the remarks below.